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The Burden Basket



St. Joseph Apache Mission Restoration Project

Funding Progress

Since fundraising began in February 1998 we have raised \$1,649,468. Of that amount 50% came from private foundation grants, 6% from nonprofit organizations, 22% from our generous donors, 9% through our stewardship program and the remaining 13% from the hard work of raffles, food sales and concerts, plus interest earned. The work continues as funding permits: Expenses to date have been \$1,601,940.

Revenue & Expenses 5/1/09—10/29/09

Revenue	
Foundation Grants	\$49,500
Steward Program	\$ 6,172
Donations	\$ 4,360
Fundraisers & Interest	
	\$21,429
Total	\$81,461
Expenses	
Payroll Expenses	\$87,998
Equipment & Supplies	\$ 3,597
Roof & Subcontractors	\$45,482
Office Expense	\$ 2,843
Administration &Fundraising	
	\$ 2,620
Total	\$142,540
Funds on hand: \$	59,611

Roof Project to date

In-Kind Donations from volun-

\$ 29,285

teers, staff and equipment use:

Roof Cost \$212,920 Roof Funds Raised \$213,718 Amount Pledged for completion of Roof Project \$25,000

THE ROOF PROJECT THE BELL TOWER

This whole newsletter could easily be filled up ten times with information just about the roof project. The roof has been the biggest and most complicated part of the restoration project to be sure. If we had any doubts that we were not up to this challenge

they were quickly put to rest. The first phase to be completed was the bell tower. The restoration crew removed the old tiles and prepared the bell tower for the new roof tile. We hired Brian McPartlan Roofing, Inc. from Santa Fe. Tommy Spottedbird and Martin Pizarro pitched in to keep the project on schedule. This was not easy, the crew found themselves battling strong winds and bad rain showers, which made it even more difficult to work 100 feet above the ground.



Arylis Chee power washing the bell tower roof

Work on putting down the underlayment, new tiles, gutters and



pulling out old nails, not to mention, meetings with Dale Zinn the architect, the roofers, Carroll Vann the copper fabricator, and ordering supplies ended up taking six months.

In the end we learned a great deal, gained some confidence and experience. We realized that paying for a contractor to finish the main roof would end up being more than we had been able to raise, so just as Fr. Al would say "Insignificant!" We decided to do it ourselves.

downspout on the bell tower took eight and one half working days. The work to prepare the roof from putting up scaffolding, taking off the old tiles, power washing, replacing damaged wood,



The finished Bell Tower

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THE 9TH ANNUAL RESTORATION RAFFLE RESULTS



Fr. Paul calling out the winners

The 9th Annual Restoration Raffle was a great success. The net proceeds came to \$20,373! Of that amount \$7,889 came from extra donations sent in with tickets. We all are very grateful for all of the support.

The winner of \$1,000 was Chris Soto of Huntington Beach, CA. This prize was donated by 2 Restoration Committee Member couples. Hunter Beck of Mescalero won the Get-away which was donated by the Inn of the Mountain Gods Resort and Casino. The two roundtrip airfares donated by Southwest Airlines winner was Guardiola Construction in Ruidoso, NM. Jane Zagone also from Ruidoso won the Apache Madonna painted for the raffle by local artist Loree Morin. Julia Klinekole of Mescalero won the signed print done by Phil Choneska and donated by Bruce and Helen Klinekole. The framing of both paintings were donated by Josie's Framery in Ruidoso.

Richard & Gaye DePetris from Rock-

wall, TX bought tickets for Sr. Juanita Little, OSF and she won the Wii Sport System that was donated by the **Franciscan Friars of Saint Barbara**. Now Sr. Juanita is the coolest aunt around for all her nieces and nephews who visit her.

Wal-Mart Ruidoso donated the \$250 Gift Card won by Carol Tyskling from Grand Rivers, KY. Joe & Yvonne Padilla won the drum lamp that was made and donated by David Shanta of Mescalero. Rebecca Parker from Ruidoso, NM won the beaded medicine bag made and donated by a young Tribal member. The Silver necklace donated by Sr. Juanita was won by Dorothy Martin of Sun City, CA. Angela Baraibar in Denver City won the Coral Necklace set that was donated by Tommy & Hazel Spottedbird. Minu Molina in Pfluger-

ville won the pot that was made and donated by **Andres Goff**. Debra Tapley won the carved bear donated by Ayrlis & Petra Chee of Mescalero. The Burden Basket made by **Andrea Summa** from Mescalero was donated by David and Mary Serna and won by Nick Gray.



Sr. Juanita and her prize

The top money raisers were Bruce & Helen Klinekole who once again gave up their weekends to go to other parishes to sell tickets. They won a **Pendleton** Blanket donated by Autumn Serna. Emily Saenz came in second winning a \$100 Wal-Mart Gift Card, donated by **Wal-Mart Ruidoso**. 3rd place winner was Lupe Martinez who won 65 gallons of propane donated by **Mescalero Gas Company**, which she in turn donated back to the church. There was a tie for 4th place, Natalia Melendrez and Marlene Pellman both won paintings of the church by Frances Marez.

A special thank you to all who donated prizes, helped with ticket mailing and to everyone who participated in the raffle. We are grateful to all of the members of the American Legion and VFW Posts that bought tickets and made additional contributions. It takes a great deal of work to make these fundraisers successful and we count our blessings as we read the kind notes of encouragement that so many of you send.

SPECIAL MEETINGS ON THE ROOF



Martin, Dale and Tommy reworking the plans

Enough can not be said about those who went beyond the call and found themselves with us up on the roof in order to understand just what would work. To the left architect Dale Zinn and our copper fabricator, Carroll Vann to the right. Roy Fleming in the center, from Territorial Scaf-

folding jumped right in to help us figure out how to address the challenges we faced.

These are our Three Heroes!



Carroll "No 90° angles?"

Roy

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Each day on the roof brought with it something new, we experienced everything from blood, sweat and tears to laughter and triumphant elation when things finally came together perfectly. There were so many road-blocks along the way from wrong items delivered to nothing being square or level and there are no 90° angles anywhere on the roof. Much of the work was tedious, templates had to be made for copper fabrications of the pans and flashings. Kerfs had to be cut into the stone and mortar added to give the copper a more even place to adhere to. We added three experienced roofers to the crew for the duration. Tobias Montoya, Andres Ramirez and Samuel Sosa were a welcome addition to our crew of Co-Director/Foreman Tommy Spottedbird, Martin Pizarro,



Andres Ramirez & Sam Sosa placing tile

ished it has been decided to put off working on the choir loft and alcove roofs until spring, unless we get a period of warm dry weather.

We would like to give a huge thank you to Katherine D. Ortega who helped us raise the largest portion of the funds needed for the roof. She is a Hero indeed!

THE MAIN ROOF



Roofing crew making progress

Arylis Chee, Nikona Hosetosavit and trainees Robert Morgan and David Walters.

With the onset of winter and the main roof fin-



And the roof is just beautiful

CO-DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

TOMMY SPOTTEDBIRD & MARY SERNA

Today I have the opportunity to write to you. As most of you know our former Director, Br. Peter Boegel, OFM was transferred to Oakland, CA to be the Secretary of the Province for the Franciscan Friars. As a result Mary Serna and myself have taken on the responsibilities of the Restoration Project as Co-Directors. I am deeply thankful to Br. Peter for taking a chance almost ten years ago hiring me as a trainee. Br. Peter is an inspiration to me and I will always cherish his friendship. Our first challenge after Br. Peter left was the roof project, neither Mary nor I are engineers, architects or contractors so this was a huge undertaking for us. But with the promise that Br. Peter was a phone call away and with his faith in us we threw ourselves into it. When the weather was good we made good progress, we had days of high wind, rain and today there was 4 inches of snow, just as we are about to finish the main roof. Working on this church has taught me that the days don't go according to my plan, but according to God's plan. As a veteran I give thanks to all who have served this wonderful country that gives us the freedom to worship as we choose. As a Christian I thank God for blessing us everyday. Each week we pray for all who have supported this project in any way that has helped make restoring this veterans' memorial and beloved church possible.

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ST. JOSEPH APACHE MISSION WAS BUILT AS A VETERANS' MEMORIAL



Honoring our Veterans Past and Present



We welcome home from their tours of duty:
 Gifford Valdez — USMC
 Courtney Morin — USA
 Wendy Duffy— USMC
 Lorie Morgan — USN
 Augusta Lang — USN
 Eldon Enjady — USMC

